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1. ECMIN AND FINATT CALLED ON ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY
COORDINATION BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL MIYAZAKI TODAY TO
OBTAIN HIS REACTIONS TO U.S. THINKING ON INTERFUTURES,
AFTER EARLIER HAVING HIM BRIEFED ON OUR VIEWS.

2. ON JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE/ADVISORY PANEL MEETING,
MIYAZAKI AGREED TO THE DESIRABILITY OF SUCH A MEETING. HE
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BELIEVED THAT JAPANESE ADVISORY PANEL MEMBER, PROFESSOR
OSHIMA OF TOKYO UNIVERSITY, WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A
JOINT MEETING AND ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN MAY. MIYAZAKI
ENVISAGED THAT SUCH A JOINT MEETING WOULD ONLY TAKE UP ONE
OF THE TWO DAYS OF THE MAY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (NOT
BOTH), HOWEVER, AND, WHILE HE UNDERSTANDS U.S. VIEW THAT
PARTICIPATION OF SINGLE REPRESENTATIVE ONLY FROM ADVISORY

PANEL WOULD NOT BE ADEQUATE, HE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT PARTICIPATION OF ALL ADVISORY PANEL MEMBERS COULD INHIBIT THE PROSPECTS FOR WELL-FOCUSED DISCUSSIONS. HE RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR CONTINUED CLOSE CONTACT BETWEEN THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY PANEL, WHETHER THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT OR THROUGH THE CHAIRMEN, AS THE PROJECT MOVED INTO ITS FINAL STAGES.

3. REST OF DISCUSSION DID NOT APPEAR TO BREAK NEW GROUND, ALTHOUGH MIYAZAKI DID MAKE CLEAR THAT HE STILL BELIEVES HIGH-LEVEL MEETING THIS FALL BOTH NECESSARY AND USEFUL. HE RECOGNIZED, AND STRESSED, IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL PREPARATION. MANSFIELD

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